

128 E. 12th St.,
New York, Feb. 22, 1873.

My Dear Garrison,

Enclosed you will find
a printed copy of a letter addressed
to yourself. It was prepared by Edmund
Quincy, at my suggestion, and I sent ^{it in} ~~and~~
this form to the following named persons,
who have ~~sent~~ returned it ^{to me} with their respec-
tive signatures. Of course, I did not
send the same copy to all, but a separate
one to each, so that the original signatures
are ~~attached~~ detached from each other. I
should have been glad, had it been
possible, to have had all the signatures
^{appended} to the original copy of Mr. Quincy's letter,
as so many autographs of your friends
would have had a certain value in
your eyes. As it is, I must ask ^{you} to re-

circumstances the letter in this printed form,
and to send me your reply to the same,
that both may be printed together. I
ought to say that the letter was signed
with great alacrity by your old friends,
and that I have received from a con-
siderable number of them expressions
of the heartiest pleasure in view of the
proposition ~~to be~~ ^{thus} made to you. I think
you may assume that it is not a merely
formal request, but one made with
great earnestness, and with the hope
that you will undertake the work sug-
gested with promptness and finish it
as rapidly as possible. I hope you
will, in your reply, give us all assurance
of your purpose to comply with our
suggestion. I presume your letter will
not need to be long. When it comes, I
propose to put it in type here, and
then send ~~the~~ ^{the correspondence} for simultaneous publication
to papers in Boston, New York and Phila-

delphia. May I not hope to hear from you soon?

I learn, with pain, through Wendell, that Helen has been more ill of late, and I fear she may become, if she is not already, a great sufferer. You have my tenderest sympathy under these circumstances, and I shall rejoice to hear that she is better.

Here are the names that will appear with the letters:

Edmund Quincy,	Henry Wilson,
Samuel E. Sewall,	Wm. Claplin,
Maria Weston Chapman,	Henry Ward Beecher,
Caroline Weston,	Robert Collyer,
John G. Whittier,	James Freeman Clarke,
J. Miller McKim,	O. B. Frothingham,
Lucretia Mott,	Wm. Whiting,
W. D. Furness,	Wm. Endicott, Jr.
E. C. Burleigh,	Henry J. Bowditch,
Mary Grew,	Wm. C. Kelly,
Sarah Pugh,	Edgar Ketchum,
Sydney Howard Gay,	Wm. A. Hall,

Samuel May, Rowland Johnson,
Theodore D. Weld, Nathaniel Hall,
Angelina G. Weld, Abraham R. Robinson,
Sarah M. Grimké, Henry B. Blackwell,
Gerrit Smith, Henrietta W. Johnson,
Lucy Stone, Oliver Johnson.
Robert F. Wallcut,

I hope also to get Mrs. Stowe's name.

In great haste,

Yours, affectionately,

Oliver Johnson